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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/674,982	Applicant(s) YOUN, JEONGNAM	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is in response to Remarks, filed 03/06/2006.
2. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 17 and 21 are independent. Claims 1, 5, 13, 17 and 21 are amended.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 03/06/2006, with respect to claims 1-4, 9, 11 and 13-21 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 103(a) rejection has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

4. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

5. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-12 and 21 still remain rejected as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The applicant has amended the preamble of claim 1, to read "A method of

execution by a processor, the method comprising:" however, this amendment does not overcome the 101 non-statutory rejection of the previous office action. Merely stating a method executable on a processor does not make the claims statutory because no more specific disclosure of the claimed "processor", i.e. no computer program, no logic circuits. The steps that formed the claimed process are devoid of any limitations to any practical application. In the instant application is directed to any and every structure for carrying out the claimed functions, and not solely to specific structure.

Claims 1-12 and 21 are further rejected as being non-statutory because the added limitation and original limitations does not in any way further limit the algorithm because:

As per the claims, the language "A method of execution by a processor, the method comprising...; and/or "an apparatus comprising; do not transform the claimed subject matter into statutory subject matter. The recital is merely a field of use or desired end use limitation. The steps that formed the claimed process are devoid of any limitations to any practical application.

Claims 1-12, 21 are further rejected and 13-20 are rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter because they merely state the term "data" without limiting the term to specific field such as speech data or audio data. The term "data" is directed to any and all claimed data sets and not solely to a specific set of data, directing the claims to non-statutory subject matter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas E. Shortledge whose telephone number is (571)272-7612. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571)272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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